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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDES \$ 708,000.00 TO MALDEN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION

Greg Branum, the Missouri State Director of USDA Rural Development, presented Malden Capital Improvement Corporation with a \$708,000 Mock Check on Monday, January 9, 2006. The funds will be used to construct a new police station and jail to protect the residents of the City of Malden. The current police station has been condemned and torn down. The mock check represents approval of \$172,500 Community Facility Grant and \$535,500 Loan from Rural Development.



1st row: Brad Jarrell, Rob Meyer's Office; David Black, City Councilman; Liz Long, Green's Office, Retired Police Chief, Bob McDonaold; Rod Dill, Police Chief; Greg Branum; Tresia Webb, and Cindy Northern
2nd row: Ray Santie, Mayor; and Ron Dell, City Councilman

U.S. Representative Emerson said "Keeping the facilities used by our rural first responders accessible and in top condition is part of maximizing their function in our communities. Public safety depends on the condition of the equipment, vehicles, and buildings used by our police officers and first responders. As we send the message that we are serious about law enforcement, we must keep our committment to providing the tools and facilities needed for this mission. It is important that this need be addressed in Malden, and I appreciate USDA Rural Development's involvement in funding this opportunity."

"I would like to personally thank everyone involved in this project," Branum said. "Financing essential services in support of a community is consistent with USDA Rural Development's mission and President Bush's commitment to the future of rural communities."

"I would like to express my sincere thanks for your assistance in obtaining the \$172,500 grant for the Malden Capital Improvement Corporation. As you well know by the nature of your work, rural America has serious economic problems. The work you and your organization do and the job you have accomplished for Malden will have real and lasting positive consequences for our community. My gratitude and sincere thanks", stated Ray Santie, Mayor of Malden.

Branum added, "Special thanks are extended to our federal elected officials including U.S. Senators "Kit" Bond and Jim Talent plus U.S. Representative Jo Ann Emerson for making available federal monies for funding this kind of project.

Anyone interested in obtaining regarding assistance available through USDA Rural Development may visit the homepage at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mo/> or can contact Tresia

Webb, Rural Development Manager, at the Kennett Local Office of USDA Rural Development at 704 North Bypass, Kennett, MO 63857 or by calling 573-888-6664.

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